

Mayfield Village Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 2, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
Mayfield Village Civic Center

MINUTES

Present: Mary Ann Brastoff, Pat Andrzejczyk, Patti Fioritto, Terrie Haycox, Peggy Kerver, Councilman Denny Murphy, Mary Murphy, Laura Prcela, Meg Stifler, Nona Stella, Phil Stella and Kate Sullivan

Also Present: Danny Heise, Sean Supler, Shane McAviney and Danielle Echt.

Absent: Diane Catalano, Aaron Caunter, Ashley Hess, Steve Jerome, Dona Kless, Troy Koch, Ron Lew, Derek McDowell, Dave Perout, Elliot Ross and Mary Singer

Introduction: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. Mary made a motion to approve the February 19, 2020 Minutes as written and Nona seconded. All committee members in attendance agreed. Shane welcomed everyone back after approximately a year without meetings due to Covid-19.

Updates at Wiley Park

- Shane stated that the last big project through the Recreation Department was Parkview Playground. He said it was well done and receives great feedback regularly. Recently he spoke with a group that was there who drove hours to use the playground. Shane said that he would like to look at renovating Wiley Park. The area is used often for get togethers where families want an area away from other people or activity. The department discussed removing the volleyball court, possibly adding a fire pit and a few more playground pieces and maybe moving the bocce courts.
- Sean will be spearheading the project and applying for grants. Shane said it could be around a \$300,000 project and it would be ideal to get around \$250,000 in funding from the grants.
- Jim McKnight made a short presentation about the area and had poster boards showing the layout and structures currently at Wiley Park. Jim mentioned that the pavilion itself is well done and in great condition. The parking lot was recently redone to include pervious pavers. Jim said when he looked at the pathways, they may not be accessible due to the grade. He also said that there is a pathway that leads to the old shuffleboard court and to the storage sheds. Jim said that the shuffleboard area could be made into more of a patio and the storage building could be reoriented or replaced. There are a lot of overhead wires at Wiley that are unsightly; Jim suggested moving them underground and updating the lighting in the area. He also said it might be a good idea to incorporate the greenspace at the Mayfield Township Historical Society. The committee members said that gardens at the Historical Society are beautiful. Jim recommended to change the plantings along the North side of Wiley to create more of a buffer between the park and the neighboring residential property and possibly move the grills to create a better cooking area. Jim and the department previously discussed connecting the bathrooms to the park possibly by using a footbridge over the creek and making the area long the creek more scenic.
- The committee members asked how often the facility is booked and what the seating capacity is. The park is usually booked most Saturdays and Sundays in the summer. It seats approximately 65 people.
- Mary said she uses the facility every year for a gathering. She mentioned that the bathrooms are a bit primitive and her group usually brings a few tables to set up by the grills.
- There was a brief discussion if the name of the park could be changed. Shane suggested it remain Wiley Park.
- There was also a brief discussion about the fees to use the facility. There is a \$75 deposit required for Mayfield Village Residents. All other Mayfield School District Residents pay a \$150 deposit and a \$40 rental fee. It cannot be reserved if living outside of the Mayfield School District.
- Someone inquired about overflow parking and Sean said we ask them to park by the Service Department.
- Many of the committee members had not used the park in a while and asked if the next meeting could be held at Wiley Park for better visual and further discussion.

- It was brought up to pay close attention to grading, paving and sidewalks because there are a lot of people with mobility issues or using mobility devices.
- Shane asked the committee members to start thinking about what they would like to add or change. He said it was okay to think big; it can always be scaled back.
- Sean mentioned that the department plans to follow up with people who have used the facility over the last few years to get their feedback as well.
- The committee members were receptive of a more scenic area by the creek, creating better connectivity to the bathrooms, adding more of a patio and changing the cooking area. The idea of enhancing Wiley Park received positive feedback. Shane reminded the group to email the recreation department anytime with suggestions.

Special Events Updates

- Shane had Grove and Cruise Night 2020 shirts available for committee members to take if they wanted to show support for the venue and event.
- This year is the Centennial for Mayfield Village. The recreation department has sun catchers to give out at various events; 7 different designs. These designs match the banners that are placed throughout the Village. The committee members said they thought the banners looked very nice.
- Shane said that there is a Centennial Celebration for Mayfield Village residents and their guests on Saturday, August 7. There will be activities at Pakview Pool during the day and at The Grove later in the day. It is a free event. Local restaurants will be at The Grove. There will also be a small fireworks show that evening. Shane said it should be a great event with the intention of giving back to the residents and businesses in Mayfield Village. The committee members inquired if registration was needed and Shane said no and everyone was encouraged to just show up.
- Cruise Night is scheduled for September 18.
- The Halloween Party/Event for kids/families will be planned at for The Grove again this year. Shane said that there was positive feedback about the last Halloween and Easter events there and he would like to continue offering both outdoor.
- There was a brief discussion about the Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast. It was held at the Community Room this year and reservations were required. Pizzazz cooked the breakfasts. This was another special event that changed because of Covid and people really embraced the change. Everyone who attended enjoyed it.
- One of the members asked if the Fourth of July Fireworks would ever return to the center of town. Residents near this area would host parties and huge groups would be around the neighborhoods watching the show. Shane said that the Fire Chief feels that the Parkview area is the safest location to launch the fireworks. This year there will be some bigger shell sizes so they should go higher for better visibility. Several committee members agreed that they prefer the center of town. Shane said it can be looked at for future year and if they did move back to the center, smaller shells would have to be used.
- The committee members complimented this year's Entertainment Guide. Shane gave credit to Alison from Heart Wish Creative for her creativity and artistic touch when laying out the guide. Alison is also a Mayfield Village resident. The committee members reviewed the concert schedule briefly.

Program Updates

- Shane reported that programs are going strong and there are good numbers for enrollment. He added that there are new bocce and pickleball leagues and the tennis courts were just repainted to include additional courts for pickleball. Mayfield Village has partnered up with Rookie Sports over the last few years as they provide sport programs for young kids; the programs continue to have high numbers.
- Wildcat Sport & Fitness is open and one of the committee members said it hasn't been very busy. Shane said that Mayfield Heights did a great job with the facility and Mayfield Village helped manage for a while. The schools have started managing it again.

Open Discussion

- It was asked if reservations are needed to attend The Grove. Reservations are not required at this time due to the elimination of the Covid-19 mandates by the Governor of Ohio.

- Shane complimented all staff over the last year for handling everything so well during the Covid pandemic. The Village was able to have activities, open the pool and run programs successfully.
- There was a question about the Leaf Dedication program at The Grove. Shane said it is a project Diane Wolgamuth is coordinating where individuals or businesses can purchase a leaf with their name on it to be displayed on the dedication wall at The Grove. There are various levels of donations and it is a lifetime dedication. The location of the dedication walls is on the wall behind the flag poles. This is a great opportunity to show support for The Grove.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 7, 2021, 6:00 p.m. at Wiley Park

Danielle M. Echt